(b) if so, the precise suggestion made by Pakistan; and

(c) what consensus was reached in this regard and what was the Indian stand in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Social Security Scheme for workers

756. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to review the social security scheme for workers in the unorganised sector launched in January, 2004;

(b) if so, the details and the statutory backing provided or proposed to be provided to the scheme;

(c) if so, the details of the workers in the unorganised sectors, State-wise, category-wise as on today; and

(d) if so, the details including the number of workers, amount spent on the scheme introduced in 50 districts, district-wise, category-wise as on today?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government launched the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004. The benefits included health insurance, personal accident insurance cover and old age pension. About 3500 unorganised workers have been covered under the scheme. State-wise details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below). Category-wise details are not available. The Government of India contribution towards the scheme was Rs. one lakh for the year 2003-04. The scheme was not found viable and therefore it is being reworked. One of he reasons was that it lacked statutory backing. Therefore, the Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' to provide for among other things social security measures having statutory backing for the unorganised sector workers in the country.

Statement

Number of workers covered under Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Scheme-2004

Sl.No.	States	Districts	Members enrolled
1.	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	Hyderabad, Nellore, Chittor, Bangalore, Manglore	31
2.	Bihar, Orissa	Patna, Kishan Ganj, Ranchi Hazaribagh, Bhubaneswar, Kalahandi	25
3.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad,Surat, Daman	30
4.	Maharashtra, Goa	Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Goa	35
5.	Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh	Raipur, Bhopal, Indore	21
6.	Delhi, Haryana	Delhi, Faridabad	2341
7.	Punjab, J & K, Himachal Pradesh	Shimla, Jammu, Srinagar, Gurdaspur, Chandigarh	17
8.	Rajasthan	Jaipur, Barmer, Jhalawar	25
9.	Tamil Nadu, Kerala Pondicherry	Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Coimbatore, Theni, Pondicherry	50
10.	Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal	Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Dehradun	857
11.	West Bengal, North East Region.	Itanagar, Guwahati, Imphal, Shillong, Aizwal, Kohima, Gangtok, Agartala, Kolkata, Durgapur	19
	TOTAL:		3451

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757. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nokia (India) Pvt. Ltd., a multinational Co. has been regularly deducting the subscription towards E.P.F. from the monthly salaries of its employees but have failed to deposit the same with the concerned Regional Provident Fund Commissioner's Office alongwith its own contributions and thereby cheating the innocent workers; and